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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS OF DR. L. S. ROWE, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE, IN PRESENTING MR. CHARLES R. FLINT, OF NEW YORK CITY

We have just listened to one of the great statesmen of diplomacy, and we are now to hear from one of the statesmen of commerce. Probably no other man in this country has been more closely identified with international commercial relations than Mr. Charles R. Flint, whom we have the pleasure of having with us this evening. He will speak to us on "The Commercial Significance of China's Awakening."

THE COMMERCIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF CHINA'S AWAKENING

ADDRESS BY MR. CHARLES R. FLINT, OF NEW YORK CITY.

In contemplating the departure of Minister Wu for China, our feelings are in conflict. We shall miss his genial presence and ready wit, but while Minister Wu has been an Excellency in the broadest sense in representing China in Washington, and President Taft "feels a sense of personal loss in his recall," he has, in my opinion, a far more important field of usefulness in giving his countrymen in China the benefit of the knowledge of our industrial development which he has acquired by long residence in this country.

It is evident from what Dr. Wu has said this evening that he has been a close observer during his residence with us. He has even learned that New England trick of dodging a question by asking another. Recently I had the honor of entertaining him at my home at dinner. With characteristic generosity he permitted me to state that he would answer any questions in regard to China. There were present, among others, that constructive genius